

## U.S. ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION BOARD of ADVISORS

## **RESOLUTION 2007-3**

Whereas, the Election Assistance Commission is an agency of the United States federal government created by the Help America Vote Act; and,

Whereas, The U.S. Supreme Court suggested in 2000 that within a state, uniform rules for vote counting may be constitutionally required; and,

**Whereas,** The Help America Vote Act (HAVA) required a statewide uniform definition of a vote; and,

Whereas, some states, and particularly some states for whom voter intent is relevant to determining if a vote is cast and counted, have appeared to fail to develop clear and unambiguous, statewide, uniform definitions for a vote;

**Now Therefore, Be It Resolved** that the Board of Advisors recommends to the United States Election Assistance Commission that it expeditiously, and no later than September 2007, provide guidance to states and territories of appropriate examples of a HAVA compliant uniform definition of a vote;

A True Record Attest:

Christopher M. Thomas

Chair of the Board of Advisors

Passed by a voice vote of the majority of the members present on 1/24/07.